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### TRAINING GROUND FOR TRACK WORK.

IN another column we publish the correspondence between the Trustees of the Jordan property (the vacant lot opposite Technology Chambers), and F. H. Briggs, chairman of the Advisory Council, in regard to the use of the land for a training ground. The only conditions under which we can get this land for use of the track men are, that baseball or anything of that kind be prohibited, and if there are any holes or anything of that kind in the field, that the owners will not be held responsible for them, nor for

any accidents to any one in connection with granting us license to use the land. Though this does not, therefore, benefit the baseball and hammer-throwing interests, the possession of a training ground for track work of even such a moderate size, contiguous to the gymnasium and the Institute itself, is a step in advance of the conditions last year, when the men had to go way down to the Charlesbank and other places in order to get any kind of track at all.

### GOOD MANAGEMENT.

THE management of the Show cannot be given too much credit for the way in which the crowd of applicants for seats was handled on Saturday last. Everything seemed to have been planned ahead and there was no disorder. The men began to gather before four o'clock, the name of each arrival was taken and a number given him, thus avoiding a tedious wait in line. To prevent the men going home, to return at half past eight, the roll was called every fifteen minutes. If a name was not answered to at any call it was erased from the list and the position sacrificed. At eight about one hundred and fifty men responded to the last roll-call, the positions in line being then taken. Several attempts were made to take a place belonging to another, but even this had been foreseen. Passing down the line, which by that time filled the corridor, the business manager checked each name, removing those whom he found wrongly placed. The whole affair was a pleasant feature to any one who has experienced the disorderly rush for tickets at other amateur performances, and we feel that the foresight and the perfect good-nature of the manager have earned for him the hearty thanks of each early applicant.

### Rush for Show Seats.

As was evidently expected by many, the rush for seats for the coming fifth annual Tech Show, "A Scientific King," was unprecedented. The first man arrived—well, too early to mention—and by eight o'clock there were about 150 or 175 men in line. Everything went off extremely orderly and by 8.45 there were no signs of the rush, as was evidenced by a professor, who arrived about that time, remarking, "Why, I thought they applied for Show seats this morning."

One noticeable fact of the rush was the presence of men on the management, past and present, who were standing in line applying for their seats.

The restriction of eight tickets to one application, unless approved by the management, gave the applicants the fairest chance possible, as it prevented men who came in late from crowding their seats onto the applications of friends at the head of the line. As is known, no person gets preference for seats, even the managers of the Show taking their turn in line, so quite a number of students went to the members of the instructing staff in their department and volunteered to stand in line and get seats for them. It is hoped that this custom will become established in the future, so that professors and instructors may avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain fair seats.

### Tech Show Participants.

The Tech Show is making good progress. The participants have all been selected and the various parts are being perfected, preparatory to dealing with the play as a whole.

The management wishes to request students to kindly refrain from visiting the rehearsals. Heretofore it has been found unnecessary to make such a request, but now it is urgent that the men should not be disturbed during the important rehearsals which are coming.

A glance at the list of the cast shows that eighty men will take part. Of these, seventeen are "speaking parts."

The following is the cast:

#### PRINCIPALS.

J. Daniels  
F. L. Higgins  
R. Davis  
R. J. King  
T. W. Estabrook  
J. P. Barnes  
A. H. Langley  
W. J. Sneeringer, Jr.  
F. M. Blount  
E. M. Coffin  
H. W. Donald  
U. J. Nicholas  
G. Crosby

#### COURTIERS.

H. P. Shaw  
A. F. Belding  
W. Green  
H. H. Cook  
D. T. Loomis  
H. E. Darling  
F. G. Bennett  
A. G. Slocum  
J. E. Griffin  
G. M. Henderson  
R. S. Clark  
B. A. Thompson

#### ROBBERS.

C. H. Clapp  
H. A. Terrell  
H. V. Fletcher  
H. Kramer  
J. E. Simmons  
C. S. Sperry  
J. H. Rogers  
N. Fallon

#### GYPSY DANCE.

C. Allen  
H. M. Flinn  
P. E. Tillson  
E. M. Smith  
J. C. Damon  
C. M. Emerson  
F. J. Van Hook  
H. D. Eaton

#### CO-EDS.

J. S. Weil  
W. N. Oliver  
A. C. Ferry  
L. J. Killion  
H. D. Loring  
G. C. Thomas  
H. S. Graham  
E. F. Bender

#### ORIENTAL WALTZ.

G. B. Jones  
F. E. Drake  
R. M. Phinney  
A. G. Drew  
C. W. Hawkes  
W. Turner

#### MAIDS OF HONOR.

W. G. Lawrence  
E. B. Rich  
W. J. Cady  
S. Shapira

#### THIEVES' DANCE.

E. G. Christy  
W. P. Regenstien  
E. F. Rockwood  
A. E. Sweetser

#### COURT LADIES.

M. Lichtenstein  
B. F. Whittaker  
J. H. Feemster  
L. E. Robble  
P. R. L. Hogner  
H. J. Mann  
W. Tufts  
S. T. Carr

#### FLOWER DANCE.

E. O. Welch  
P. R. Finer  
R. S. Gifford  
H. B. Orcutt  
H. J. Macintire  
F. G. Baldwin  
J. E. Lynch  
W. D. Davol.



### Correspondence in Regard to New Training Ground.

The following is communicated for the information of the students:

TRUSTEES UNDER THE WILL OF EBEN D. JORDAN.

Office 450 Washington St.,

BOSTON, April 1, 1903.

Frank H. Briggs, Esq.,  
22 High St., Boston, Mass.

DEAR MR. BRIGGS: I understand that you are acting as Chairman of the Advisory Council on Athletics for the Mass. Institute of Technology and that you desire permission from the trustees under will of Eben D. Jordan to use the lot of land on St. Botolph St. and Irvington St., which they own, as a training ground; and that if you are granted such permission, you propose to make certain changes in the surface ground for tracks, etc. The trustees are anxious to sell this lot of land and do not propose to make any arrangements whatever which will interfere with making a sale at any time.

If, however, you wish a license to use the land, with the understanding that such license may be revoked at any time, upon, say three days' notice, the trustees will give you such permission, provided you put up a substantial post and rail fence along the side of the lot adjoining St. Botolph St., and with the further understanding that the trustees will not be held responsible by you or your people in damages for any defects or existing conditions in the ground itself.

We should also wish it understood that baseball is not to be played on the premises nor any other games which would in any way be a source of danger to the people passing on the adjoining streets.

Please confirm this arrangement.

Very truly yours,

Trustees under Will of Eben D. Jordan,

By EDWARD F. O'BRIEN.

The Advisory Council on Athletics have written as follows:

BOSTON, April 2, 1903.

Mr. E. F. O'Brien, Sec.

Trustees under Will of Eben D. Jordan,  
Boston, Mass.

DEAR SIR: Referring to your communication of the 1st inst. regarding use of land on St. Botolph St. and Irvington St. as training ground for track athletics at the Institute, would say that we assent to the various stipulations noted in your letter, and will erect the fence designated.

We further propose putting a sign prohibiting baseball playing, hammer throwing and similar sports on the field.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) FRANK H. BRIGGS,  
*Chairman.*

### Electrical Engineering Society.

The Electrical Engineering Society had an exceedingly pleasant excursion, April 1, out to the Holtzer-Cabot Electric Company in Brookline. Two of the superintendents, Messrs. Hazeltine and Bliss, conducted the society over the works, explaining in detail and very satisfactorily the various processes of construction. The society is very grateful for so instructive a trip.

Thursday, April 9, at 8 P.M., the Society will hold a "smoker" at Tech Union. A. E. Kennelly, professor of electrical engineering at Harvard University, will give an informal smoke-talk.

The Society has received, through President Welsh, a cordial invitation from the Harvard Engineering Society, to attend a couple of lectures by Mr. C. O. Mailloux, a consulting engineer of New York city. These lectures will be given in Room 110, Pierce Hall (Harvard); the first, Friday, April 10, at 8 P.M., being on "Train Resistance and Train Energy;" and the second, Saturday, April 11, at 10 A.M., on "Theory of Electric Train Movement."

## Text-Books.

The report of the Alumni Committee on the School, to the Alumni Association contains an excellent comment on the value and use of text-books, which is of such interest to the student body that it is quoted in part here:

"Text-books are the tools of the student and also of the engineer. Every engineer has his reference library, and keeps a file of engineering data giving the latest and best information on any given subject.

"It is important that he should have in convenient and concise form the accurate information and data on the various engineering subjects. This is many times hard to obtain, and it is usual that an engineer retains text-books, which he studied, as the reference, because he is familiar with them and can turn to such subject as he desires to look up.

"Text-books are at present largely unsatisfactory. Many times it has been necessary to use lecture notes, as there was no text-book on the subject desired. Again, text-books are written by men who have knowledge of the subject, but little experience in the presentation of the subject or the systematic arrangement of a text-book. As a result, we have many text-books with good subject matter poorly presented, some so poorly as to render them of little value.

"It would seem that a very important function of any school, especially of a technical character, would be to provide the best sort of tools for its students, and it is suggested that no more important branch of any such school could exist than one systematically taking care of the preparation of proper text-books. A systematic handling of this text-book matter would be of value not only to the undergraduates, but also to the Alumni.

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"We have only to suggest the value of text-books written by men most eminent in their profession and edited in a systematic manner."

## CALENDAR.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Chorus at Tech Union.
- 8 P.M. SOCIETY OF ARTS MEETING in 22 Walker. Mr. R. H. Dana will speak on the Charles River Dam, using lantern slides.
- 8 P.M. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY Smoker at Tech Union. Tickets 25 cents.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Ballet at Tech Union.
- 4.15 P.M. CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY Address by Professor Sedgwick on "The Relation of the Civil Engineer to Municipal Government," Room 11, Engineering B.
- 8 P.M. 1902 SMOKER at Tech Union.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11.

- 6 P.M. STUDENT DINNER at Tech Union. Tickets *must* be obtained in advance.

MONDAY, APRIL 13.

- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Chorus at Tech Union.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Ballet at Tech Union.
- 6.45 P.M. CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY. Annual Dinner at Hotel Lenox. Tickets, \$2.00.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.

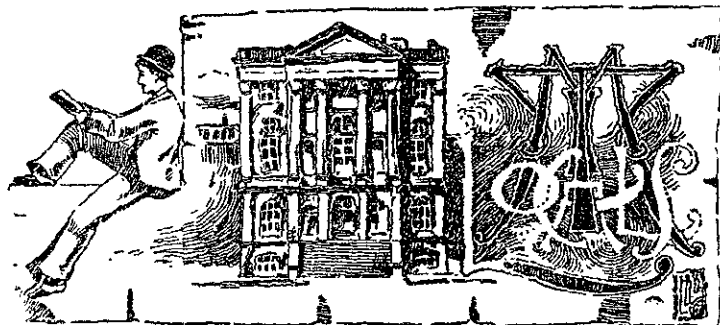
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Principals at Tech Union.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

- 4.10 P.M. Y. M. C. A. MEETING in Room 11, Pierce. Mr. W. E. Dowty of Emmanuel Church will speak on "The Right Kind of Concentration."
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Chorus at Tech Union.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Ballet at Tech Union.



1905 Class canes are ready at Collins and Fairbanks.

Dr. Tyler has gone to St. Louis in regard to the Institute's exhibit at the Exposition.

President Pritchett is in Washington, D. C., and will probably not return until the fifteenth.

There will be no Hare and Hound chase this week for the Cross-Country Association.

R. A. Wentworth surely earned his first place in the Saturday rush by showing up at 2.10 A.M.

L. F. Goldthwaite and L. K. Lancy of the class of 1905, will try the examination for Annapolis the latter part of this month.

All possible haste is being made to make the running track on the new training ground opposite the Technology chambers.

At a meeting of the Exeter Club last Wednesday Professor Currier, Professor Richards and Mr. George were elected to honorary membership.

All desiring to enter a spring tennis tournament will hand in their names at the Cage for R. Hazeltine *before April 12*. If by that time sufficient names have been received, a spring tournament will be held, but not otherwise.

The Non-Coms of the Freshman Battalion held a dinner at the Union Wednesday, April 1. About 25 men attended, Mr. Dixon, president of the Association, presiding. After the dinner the men sang, and the meeting broke up with the customary cheers.

The Walker Club held a meeting at the Tech Union on Friday evening, April 3. Dinner was served at seven o'clock, following which Dean Burton gave a very interesting talk on his travels in Europe. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides taken from pencil sketches made by the speaker.

At a recent meeting of the Wisconsin Club of M. I. T., a constitution was approved of, and the following officers were elected: Mitchell Mackie, president; Harold Haskins, vice-president; Alfred Kelling, secretary and treasurer. Any student whose home is in Wisconsin, or who has attended a college in Wisconsin, is eligible to membership.

At a meeting of the Mining Engineering Society, held in Room 2, Rogers, last Friday afternoon, Professor Lodge gave a talk on mining methods in Southwestern Missouri. On account of the peculiarity of the locality, ordinary mining and milling machinery cannot be profitably used. The ore occurs in pockets of variable size and it is impossible to tell just when they will pinch out. Ore is hoisted in buckets pulled by horses. Hand-jigging method of concentration is used.

#### Tech Show Dinner.

About sixty men attended the Tech Show dinner at the Union, Monday evening. Mr. Barnes presided, and Mr. Coleman was guest of the evening. The latter spoke of the work done in the past and present Tech show, and said that he looked forward to the time when seven performances, instead of two, will be given. Mr. Wentworth spoke for the business management and told of the progress of that department. Mr. Egerton spoke for the ballet and Mr. W. Green for the chorus. The men then gathered around the piano and sang their songs. Mr. Coleman and several members of the ballet did some steps. The affair was in the hands of Messrs. Langley, Sneeringer and Butts, and thanks are due these gentlemen for the able way in which they managed the dinner.



Perhaps there can be no better proof of the conscientious thoroughness and the taste of Mr. Sothern's *Hamlet* than the stage setting. It is gorgeous and elaborate but never obtrusive; with exceptional beauty of detail and harmony of effect it is never flauntingly brilliant, it has none of the varnished newness, it attempts none of the spectacular tableaux for example, of Mr. Mansfield's *Cesar*. And, rare discretion, the orchestra is kept in its place, and, triumphantly and exclusively, "the play's the thing."

Though liberally cut, the text preserves the scenes best worth keeping. In *Hamlet* Shakspeare seems to have written rather for his own satisfaction, for the lovingly minute development and exposition of Hamlet's character, than with the aim of producing a compact, vigorous, acting play. Other Shakspearean plays are technically better done; and those who have seen *Hamlet* given entire admit that it is excessively long. Fortunately, Mr. Sothern's version keeps the scene of the King's prayer, and, at the end, the really beautiful spectacle of bearing off Hamlet's body on the shield. To admit these portions even Polonius must be willing to sacrifice his much abbreviated role.

Of Mr. Sothern's company it is literal truth to say that there is not one poor part. Personally, the *Theatregoer* cannot recall a Shakspeare play given with such accuracy, ease and melody in reading the difficult verse lines. The King, Polonius, and Laertes are parts, easy, perhaps, to play; they were, at all events, well done. The ghost was excellent for his clear and melodious delivery. Ophelia is certainly the most difficult part in *Hamlet* and may easily spoil a performance. That Miss Loftus's Ophelia was good enough, is higher praise than it sounds at first. Altogether Mr. Sothern's company shows substantial improvement since its last *Hamlet* performances in Boston.

To balance the very high meed of praise Mr. Sothern deserves, we might complain that his voice is thick, that his wailing tones are not particularly effective, and that in moments of passionate and rapid

speech he sputters. A graver criticism would be that in the more exalted scenes of the play he tends to declamation; yet we must admit that the last moments and the death scene are of the highest power. Natural seriousness of manner, an almost beautiful sadness of expression, give Mr. Sothern's *Hamlet* his true bodily appearance; deft and direct acting of the minor scenes of the dialogue with Polonius or the courtiers, gives a completely satisfactory picture of the prince in his quieter moments. The soliloquy "To be or not to be," is most simply and touchingly spoken. The part seems, however, to lack some of the tenderness, the winning sympathy that makes Hamlet Hamlet.

Mr. Sothern shows, like his company, steady improvement. His *Hamlet* is already an event; personally I am inclined to call it *the* event of the dramatic season, and promises even to become an event in the history of the Shakspearean stage.

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### New England College News.

The Brown track team began spring training on Monday. Brown does not look forward to a brilliant season in this branch of athletics, but every effort will be made to turn out a good team. Captain Ehmke has in view about thirty men on whom he can rely to do good work for the college.

The annual indoor meet of the University of Maine A. A. was held March 28. The Freshman Class carried away the honors of the evening, both in the events and in the cheering. Parker, '04, and Shaw, '05, tied for first place in the pole vault — 10 ft.— and the shot-put — 32 ft. 7 in.— was won by Libbey, '06. The other events were: 25-yard dash, 25-yard low hurdle, high jump and 25-yard high hurdle.

A course in "Fire Protective Engineering" has been introduced into the Engineering Department at Tufts. It is believed that this course is the most comprehensive of its kind in this country, as the course goes fully into all the elements that fire protective engineering involves.



### Tech Show Seats.

Seats have been assigned and notices sent to all men whose applications were received on Saturday. As these seats will not be held after next Monday, April 13, immediate payment should be made in order to make sure of the seats. If the notice has not arrived steps should be taken at once to trace it.

For the Friday performance no seats are left on either the floor or first balcony and only a few are available in the second balcony. For the Tuesday performance immediate application will probably secure fair seats.

Application 115 took the last two-dollar seat for Friday and most men after that received lower priced seats than those for which they applied. One hundred and fifty applicants for two-dollar and dollar and a half Friday seats received notice that no seats could be assigned them, as there were only fifty-cent seats left.

### Northwestern Association.

The Northwestern Alumni Association, Mass. Inst. of Technology, held a very successful monthly meeting Monday, March 30, at the Hamilton Club. There were present forty members who listened with much interest to the able speakers of the evening. Prof. F. J. Walz, Inspector of U. S. Weather Bureau, gave a talk on the growth and operation of this department of the government. This was illustrated by charts, drawings, etc., and an invitation to visit the Weather Bureau at its headquarters at the Auditorium, where the weather forecast for thirteen states is prepared daily. Mr. H. J. Furber, Jr., President of the Olympian Games Committee, gave a brief talk on the Olympian games which will be held in St. Louis next year and also a very interesting account of the Universities of France, with special reference to the advantages they offer to the American student.

The program was much enlivened by good music, a brisk discussion on such live topics as the moving of the Institute and the proposed discontinuance of certain courses, and other kindred subjects. On the whole this is the most successful meeting outside of the annual banquet that this association has held, and a very wide awakening is evinced among the Tech men of this vicinity.

### The Competitive Drill.

On Saturday, April 4, the officers of the Freshman battalion held a meeting in the Trophy room to decide about the competitive drill. To ensure perfect fairness, all commissioned officers will be barred from the individual drill. Medals will be put up for winners in both Junior and Senior squads. All privates wishing to enter the drill may do so by giving their names to their company commander, at the same time paying an entrance fee of twenty-five cents. This will also be charged of visitors, and the net proceeds applied to the Interscholastic Drill ten days later.

The order in which the competing companies will be drilled is as follows. This order does not imply any gradation as to merit: Co. A, Captain Wetterer; Co. C, Captain Hamilton; Co. D, Captain Foster; Co. B, Captain Fogg; Co. E, Captain Earle; Co. F, Captain Simpson.

### Technique.

*Technique*, 1904, will appear on the Thursday of Junior Week, April 30. The last copy has gone to press. Tickets, which may be exchanged for *Techniques* on that day, are to be placed on sale in Rogers Corridor today, Thursday, and sold every day until the date of publication. On account of the great rush for the books it is necessary for those desiring them to procure the tickets in advance.



'88. Fred R. Nichols, instructor in physics at the Chicago English High and Manual Training School, was chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the recent Convention of Physicists held at the Lewis Institute, Chicago.

'98. Paul F. Johnson, II., is superintendent of the factory of the Johnson Electric Service Co. at Milwaukee.

'94. Guy Lowell, IV., is the designer of the Johnson Memorial Gateway at the entrance to the Back Bay Fens.

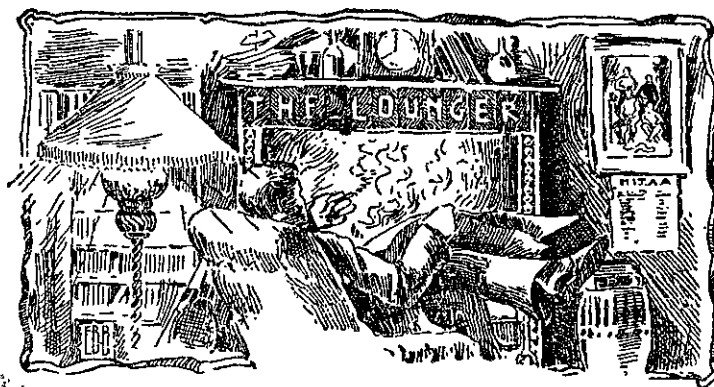
'91. Miss M. E. Maltby, Ph.D., VIII., has been appointed adjunct professor of physics at Barnard College.

'90. W. B. Poland, I., has recently been appointed superintendent of the Indiana Division of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern at Cincinnati.

'02. Robert V. Brown, X., lately instructor in Freshman chemistry, left last Monday to take up a position with the Sherman Williams Co., manufacturers of paint at Cleveland, Ohio.

'02. C. A. Smith, III., holds a responsible position with a mining company in Chihuahua, Mexico.

At the decennial of the class of '92 a request for a statement of individual salaries at the end of the fifth and tenth years after graduation, brought out some interesting figures. The lowest figures for the fifth and tenth year salaries were \$900 and \$1,200; the highest, \$4,000 and \$7,500; the average, \$1,669 and \$3,272, respectively.



Junior week will soon be here. The pretty maidens of Chelsea, Malden and East Melrose Highlands are all preparing for the event. Ribbons long laid aside, which have reposed for months in some lavender-scented chest are carefully drawn out and ironed for the event. THE LOUNGER's own little lady has recently acquired a most beautiful blue walking dress, and arrayed in this heavenly creation, like the little witch she is, has so cajoled and caressed the poor stupid old LOUNGER that he has agreed to take her to the Junior Prom.—to provide two-dollar seats for himself, herself and herself's mother at the Tech Show,—to take her to the Tech Tea,—to give her and most of her dearest friends a dinner at the Touraine and to end up with an evening at the theatre. THE LOUNGER is now writing on the street cars on his way to his Uncle's. From the bottom of his heart THE LOUNGER confounds the pretty little minx's smiles and pouts,—and then—he thinks how she looked last night. "It's worth the candle, after all," he guesses.

Hush, gentle reader, do not tell the news to THE LOUNGER's mother, it would kill the poor old lady, but let him whisper it: *He wrote the Tech Show.* Ah, what a deed! And from a being so young and tender, who started from his village home amid the plaudits of the gathered throng, strong in his youth, to battle with the world. Who, of all his boyhood friends will believe it of him,—of him the idol, the shining light of the town; of the boy who with his baby lisp declaimed "Barbara Frietchie" at the church concert, and who saved the minister's cat from drowning in the babbling brook; who, THE LOUNGER repeats, could have foreseen his ultimate end? See, yonder the dim and faded future stretches its untrodden pathways. Looking down its valley THE LOUNGER sees himself friendless, wandering, an outcast from society, unfitted to do aught to please, to benefit his fellow-men; a pariah, he must fall, fall ever lower, until, sinking under the burden of his youthful fault, and unable longer to make headway against the ever deepening mire of his evil reputation, he sinks despairing and hopeless into the hands of — CHARLIE FROHMAN.